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Dear Mr. Mayor:

ENEWETAK SITE ASSESSMENT VISIT

This is in follow-up to my discussions in Majuro on 02/28/00 with Messrs. Johnston Hernest, Samson Yoshitaro, and Patrick Alfred concerning DOE's plans to visit Enewetak. As you know, DOE has had recent discussions with your staff as well as legal counsel, on concluding a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which, among other things, would result in an upgraded Whole Body Counting and Plutonium-Urinalysis program for the atoll. We therefore propose to visit Enewetak from April 16-18, in order to conduct a site survey and needs assessment in connection with the overall, program planning. We also wish to continue the above-mentioned discussions with your staff, who are aware of the dates and would be on hand, along with their adviser, John Enloe, to support our visit and provide necessary, technical data.

We plan to charter or divert an AMI flight to Enewetak on either 4/16 or 4/17, depending on availability of the aircraft, and depart the atoll on the regular flight of 4/18/00. Our team will consist of four persons (Dr. Terry Hamilton, LLNL, Lance Yamaguchi and Wayne Olival, Bechtel Nevada, and myself). Mr. Michael Spangler, the new, Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Majuro has also asked to join us as part of his familiarization with the Marshall Islands. We will have our own food and drinking/cooking water supplies, as well as bedding, and merely require sleeping quarters and food preparation facilities. Messrs. Hernest and Yoshitaro indicated there would be no problem in providing these to us.

Dr. Hamilton and I will also make ourselves available to meet with any of your representatives or Council, should they wish do so. We are confident the visit will result in moving our working relationship forward and add to the process of reaching a mutually satisfying MOU with people of Enewetak.

Sincerely yours

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